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FOR: WATER-ABSORBING :
COMPOSITES, PREPARATION
PROCESSES THEREOF AND
WATER-ABSORBING ARTICLES

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Basis for the Amendment begins on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.